



# **“An Artistic Discovery” Congressional Art Competition Hosted by Congressman Devin Nunes**

**C**ongressman Devin Nunes is again hosting the Congressional Art Competition for the 21st Congressional District. “*An Artistic Discovery*” is a nationwide art competition, which is voluntarily sponsored by Members of Congress, it gives creative high school students the opportunity to showcase their talents in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Capitol Building. The first place winner for the 21<sup>st</sup> District will have their entry displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year. This student will also receive round-trip airfare accommodations for three to Washington, D.C. and be invited to a national reception honoring winning artists from all over the country. This competition is an excellent opportunity for young artists to not only be challenged locally, but to also have their talent, creativity, and vision recognized at the national level.

**Congressman Nunes invites you to be a part of this special competition!**

## **General Guidelines**

The competition is open to high school students who reside in the 21st Congressional District. If you are unsure about which district you reside in, please contact our office with your ZIP+4 code and we will look it up or you can go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and check.

- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the U.S. Capitol complex, the following restrictions are necessary:
  - ▶ Two-dimensional only
  - ▶ Artwork not accepted includes: sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, weaving, fabrics, stained glass, 3D
  - ▶ Artwork must be submitted framed according to the House issued framing guidelines.
  - ▶ Framed work should be **no larger than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep** including the outside dimensions of the frame. Please double check size before submitting. (change from previous years)
  - ▶ Frames should be kept as simple and as sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No “snap on” frames with glass are to be used.
  - ▶ All work, except for oil painting, should be protected by Plexiglas or glass.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - ▶ **Paintings:** oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - ▶ **Drawings:** pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.
  - ▶ **Collage:** Must be two- dimensional
  - ▶ **Prints:** lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - ▶ **Mixed Media:** use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - ▶ **Computer Generated Art**
  - ▶ **Photography**
- **One entry per student** may be submitted. Each entry must be an original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U. S. copyright laws.
- The “Student Release Form” must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the art piece. **NOTE:** Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **WILL NOT** be accepted!
- The final decision regarding suitability for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid the situation of hanging artwork that is potentially controversial and inappropriate for display in the Capitol.
- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by Architect of the Capitol and any portions not in consonance with the Commission’s policy will be omitted from the exhibit.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for an entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.



**For more information on entering the competition or to receive the  
Student Release/Entry Form, please contact the Art Competition  
Coordinator for Congressman Nunes at  
(559) 733-3861 or go to [www.nunes.house.gov](http://www.nunes.house.gov).**